

PRISONER'S CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT (Rev. 07/2021)

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE _____ DISTRICT OF TEXAS
_____ DIVISION

Robert, Leger, Lee #186075
Plaintiff's Name and ID Number

Brazoria County Detention Center
Place of Confinement

CASE NO. _____
(Clerk will assign the number)

v.

Brazoria County / 111 E. Locust Angleton, TX 77515
Defendant's Name and Address

Brazoria County Sheriff / 3602 CR-45 Angleton, TX 77515
Defendant's Name and Address

Brazoria County District Attorney / 111 E. Locust Angleton, TX 77515
Defendant's Name and Address
(DO NOT USE "ET AL.")

INSTRUCTIONS - READ CAREFULLY

NOTICE:

Your complaint is subject to dismissal unless it conforms to these instructions and this form.

1. To start an action you must file an original and one copy of your complaint with the court. You should keep a copy of the complaint for your own records.
2. Your complaint must be legibly handwritten, in ink, or typewritten. You, the plaintiff, must sign and declare under penalty of perjury that the facts are correct. If you need additional space, **DO NOT USE THE REVERSE SIDE OR BACK SIDE OF ANY PAGE.** ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL BLANK PAGE AND WRITE ON IT.
3. You must file a separate complaint for each claim you have unless the various claims are all related to the same incident or issue or are all against the same defendant, Rule 18, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Make a short and plain statement of your claim, Rule 8, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
4. When these forms are completed, mail the original and one copy to the clerk of the United States district court for the appropriate district of Texas in the division where one or more named defendants are located, or where the incident giving rise to your claim for relief occurred. If you are confined in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division (TDCJ-CID), the list labeled as "VENUE LIST" is posted in your unit law library. It is a list of the Texas prison units indicating the appropriate district court, the division and an address list of the divisional clerks.

FILING FEE AND IN FORMA PAUPERIS (IFP)

1. In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the statutory filing fee of \$350.00 plus an administrative fee of \$52.00 for a total fee of \$402.00.
2. If you do not have the necessary funds to pay the fee in full at this time, you may request permission to proceed *in forma pauperis*. In this event you must complete the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, setting forth information to establish your inability to prepay the fees and costs or give security therefor. You must also include a current six-month history of your inmate trust account. If you are an inmate in TDCJ-CID, you can acquire the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the certificate of inmate trust account, also known as *in forma pauperis* data sheet, from the law library at your prison unit.
3. The Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PLRA) provides "... if a prisoner brings a civil action or files an appeal *in forma pauperis*, the prisoner shall be required to pay the full amount of a filing fee." See 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Thus, the court is required to assess and, when funds exist, collect, the entire filing fee or an initial partial filing fee and monthly installments until the entire amount of the filing fee has been paid by the prisoner. If you submit the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the court will apply 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and, if appropriate, assess and collect the entire filing fee or an initial partial filing fee, then monthly installments from your inmate trust account, until the entire \$350.00 statutory filing fee has been paid. (The \$52.00 administrative fee does not apply to cases proceeding *in forma pauperis*.)
4. If you intend to seek *in forma pauperis* status, do not send your complaint without an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the certificate of inmate trust account. Complete all essential paperwork before submitting it to the court.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is your responsibility to inform the court of any change of address and its effective date. Such notice should be marked "NOTICE TO THE COURT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS" and shall not include any motion for any other relief. Failure to file a NOTICE TO THE COURT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS may result in the dismissal of your complaint pursuant to Rule 41(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

I. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS:

- A. Have you filed any other lawsuit in state or federal court relating to your imprisonment? YES ~~NO~~
- B. If your answer to "A" is "yes," describe each lawsuit in the space below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another piece of paper, giving the same information.)
 1. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: N/A
 2. Parties to previous lawsuit:
 - Plaintiff(s) N/A
 - Defendant(s) N/A
 3. Court: (If federal, name the district; if state, name the county.) N/A
 4. Cause number: N/A
 5. Name of judge to whom case was assigned: N/A
 6. Disposition: (Was the case dismissed, appealed, still pending?) N/A
 7. Approximate date of disposition: N/A

II. PLACE OF PRESENT CONFINEMENT: Brazoria County Detention Center

III. EXHAUSTION OF GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:

Have you exhausted all steps of the institutional grievance procedure? YES ☒ NO

Attach a copy of your final step of the grievance procedure with the response supplied by the institution.

IV. PARTIES TO THIS SUIT:

A. Name and address of plaintiff: Robert, LEGER, LEE #186075
3602 CR-45
Angleton, TX 77515

B. Full name of each defendant, his official position, his place of employment, and his full mailing address.

Defendant #1: Brazoria County
111 E. Locust Angleton, TX 77515

Briefly describe the act(s) or omission(s) of this defendant which you claimed harmed you.

Civil Rights Violation / See Attached Claim

Defendant #2: Brazoria County Sheriff
3602 CR-45 Angleton, TX 77515

Briefly describe the act(s) or omission(s) of this defendant which you claimed harmed you.

Civil Rights / Violation / See Attached Claim

Defendant #3: Brazoria County District Attorney
111 E. Locust Angleton TX 77515

Briefly describe the act(s) or omission(s) of this defendant which you claimed harmed you.

Civil Rights Violation / See Attached Claim

Defendant #4: N/A

Briefly describe the act(s) or omission(s) of this defendant which you claimed harmed you.

Defendant #5: N/A

Briefly describe the act(s) or omission(s) of this defendant which you claimed harmed you.

V. STATEMENT OF CLAIM:

State here in a short and plain statement the facts of your case, that is, what happened, where did it happen, when did it happen, and who was involved. Describe how each defendant is involved. You need not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach extra pages if necessary, but remember the complaint must be stated briefly and concisely. IF YOU VIOLATE THIS RULE, THE COURT MAY STRIKE YOUR COMPLAINT.

See Attached
Claim

VI. RELIEF:

State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Cite no cases or statutes. 1) Brazoria County provide pre-trial services for detainees with competent Counsel at initial/magistrate hearing for Bail
2) Court/ Brazoria County dismiss charges: 2 POS controlled sub./unAuth. use of motor vehicle
3) Brazoria County grant \$100,000

VII. GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A. State, in complete form, all names you have ever used or been known by including any and all aliases.

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B. List all TDCJ-CID identification numbers you have ever been assigned and all other state or federal prison or FBI numbers ever assigned to you.

JO. #186075

VIII. SANCTIONS:

A. Have you been sanctioned by any court as a result of any lawsuit you have filed? YES ☒ NO

B. If your answer is "yes," give the following information for every lawsuit in which sanctions were imposed. (If more than one, use another piece of paper and answer the same questions.)

1. Court that imposed sanctions (if federal, give the district and division): N/A

2. Case number: N/A

3. Approximate date sanctions were imposed: N/A

4. Have the sanctions been lifted or otherwise satisfied? YES ☒ NO

- C. Has any court ever warned or notified you that sanctions could be imposed? _____ YES ☒ NO
- D. If your answer is "yes," give the following information for every lawsuit in which a warning was issued. (If more than one, use another piece of paper and answer the same questions.)

1. Court that issued warning (if federal, give the district and division): N/A
2. Case number: N/A
3. Approximate date warning was issued: N/A

Executed on: 9-23-22
DATE

Robert Leger, LEE #186075
[Signature]
(Signature of Plaintiff)

PLAINTIFF'S DECLARATIONS

1. I declare under penalty of perjury all facts presented in this complaint and attachments thereto are true and correct.
2. I understand, if I am released or transferred, it is my responsibility to keep the court informed of my current mailing address and failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this lawsuit.
3. I understand I must exhaust all available administrative remedies prior to filing this lawsuit.
4. I understand I am prohibited from bringing an *in forma pauperis* lawsuit if I have brought three or more civil actions or appeals (from a judgment in a civil action) in a court of the United States while incarcerated or detained in any facility, which lawsuits were dismissed on the ground they were frivolous, malicious, or failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless I am under imminent danger of serious physical injury.
5. I understand even if I am allowed to proceed without prepayment of costs, I am responsible for the entire filing fee and costs assessed by the court, which shall be deducted in accordance with the law from my inmate trust account by my custodian until the filing fee is paid.

Signed this 23 day of September, 2022.
(Day) (month) (year)

Robert Leger, LEE #186075
[Signature]
(Signature of Plaintiff)

WARNING: Plaintiff is advised any false or deliberately misleading information provided in response to the above questions may result in the imposition of sanctions. The sanctions the court may impose include, but are not limited to, monetary sanctions and the dismissal of this action with prejudice.

1983 Civil Rights Complaint

"Due process/ 14th Amendment"

1. Due-process Clause prohibits a State (Brazoria County) from depriving any person "of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." (U.S. Const. Amen. XIV §1). Plaintiff Robert Leger is exercising his fundamental right in safe guarding his individual freedom against arbitrary and lawless State (Brazoria County) action in violating plaintiff's 14th Amend. Due Process Rights by violating the 6th Amend. Right to Competent Counsel, it is the duty of both a State Attorney (Brazoria County District Attorney) and (Brazoria County municipal Courts/Judges) to conduct themselves so as to ensure that an accused (Robert Leger) receives a fair due-process (Strickland v. Washington (1984)). Plaintiff (Robert Leger) was committed to custody and magistered in a bail hearing through unfair due-process with undetermined bail while at no time did magistrate ask if plaintiff would like to appointed counsel prior to or for probable cause/magistrate hearing, and at no time was (Robert Leger) allowed or given the opportunity to confer with competent counsel for the proceedings. Imprisonment cannot be imposed without the representation of counsel, because it is a Constitutional requirement.

Plaintiff (Robert Leger) alleges that the (Brazoria County) Sheriff and District Attorney's "official policy" is not to provide access to competent counsel to accused "critical stages" where an accused required aid in coping with legal problems or assistance in facing/meeting plaintiff's various claims, and the substantial rights of the accused maybe affected. ("United States v. Ely, 413 U.S. 386, 311 (1973)"). Liability under Sec. 1983 attaches to local government officers whose unlawful decisions represent the "Official Policy" of the local government unit. ("Sett v. Dallapen Sch. Dist., 491 U.S. 71, 737 (1983)"). "Official policy" includes unwritten wide spread practices that are "so common and well settled as to constitute a custom that fairly represents municipal policy." (Johnson v. Moore, 958 F.2d 92, 94 (5th Cir. 1992)). The Supreme Court has held that the 14th Amend. Requires that the Government (Brazoria County) provide counsel for those who cannot afford at "critical stages" of criminal proceedings. (See Bell v. Cone, 535 U.S. 685, 695-96 (2002)). "Critical Stages" are those that "hold significant consequences for the accused." (Booth v. Galveston Cnty. (S.D. Tex. 2016)). The Supreme Court has found "critical stages" proceedings included preliminary hearings arraignments, and plea negotiations. "Where Senior personnel (Brazoria County officials) have knowledge a pattern of Constitutionally offensive acts by their subordinates but fail to take remedial steps a municipality (Brazoria County) may be held liable for a subsequent violation of the superior's actions amounts to deliberation indifference or to tacit authorization of the offensive acts." (Spain v. Marlet, 619 F.2d 196, 201 (2d Cir. 1980) Cert denied, 449 U.S. 1016, 101 S.Ct. 577, 66 L.Ed.2d 475 (1980)) The Supreme Court in Monell teaches that under section 1983 a municipality (Brazoria County) must respond in damages for constitutional injuries resulting from the "execution of a government's policy."

2 Custom, whether made by its lawmakers. Or by those whose edicts or acts
may fairly be said to represent Official Policy. (Monell, 436 U.S. at 654, 98 S.Ct.
at 2037).

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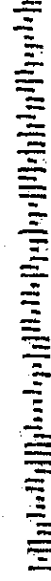
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